Indira Gandhi Hathkargha Vikas Yojana

1600. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to provide a fillip to the textiles sector especially the weaver community, the Government has introduced a new scheme Indira Gandhi Hathkargha Vikas Yojana;

(b) if so, whether an outlay of Rs. 300 crores for this scheme will provide employment to *i* lakh weavers;

(c) if so, whether this scheme has been prepared and finalized; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced and the amount allocated for implementation by 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir. The concept of a Central sector scheme titled "Indira Gandhi Hathkargha Vikas Yojana" based on cluster development has been prepared by Ministry of Textiles for consideration of the Ministry of Finance for allocations funds. Separately, the concept for Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Approach has also been initiated and sent by the Ministry to the Planning Commission for its approval, in principle. The scheme is yet to be finalized and approved by competent authority and fund allocated for the same. Therefore-, the scheme of the Indira Gandhi Hathkargha Vikas Yojana as such has not been introduced so far.

(b) It is not possible to indicate any outlay or the additional employment under the scheme till the complete parameters of the scheme are finalized and approved by the Competent Authority.

(c) As indicated at (a) above.

(d) Until the scheme is formally sanctioned by Competent Authority, it is not possible to indicate any date regarding its introduction. The allocation for the implementation of the scheme during 2004-05 does not arise till its formal sanction.